

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
JULY 16, 2013

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order and Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

All members are present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Boyer informed the group that he, Councilman McAuliffe and Councilwoman Mull had attended a workshop for Council members and was shocked at the information they had received about the new health care. Councilwoman Mull stated that there are fines in place everywhere

MINUTES

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve the June minutes. Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS

Health Maintenance/Tobacco Awareness

Karen Trigg informed the Board that this is grant money and \$4000 would go for Tobacco Awareness programs and \$4327 would go for furniture they will need when they move their offices to the old jail. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to allow. Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

MVH

Commissioner Francis explained that the money (\$180,000) is to help purchase two new dump trucks for the Highway. One dump truck has 122,000 miles and all of the others have more than 300,000. Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

C.E.D.I.T.

Commissioner Chairman Francis explained that this money is for work on the Business 31 project through the end of the year. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve. Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

COUNCIL ACTION

2012 SALARY ORDINANCE

Due to being a very difficult budget year, there were two errors made that need corrected. The first error was that the hourly wage for Soil and Water was listed at \$12 per hour instead of \$15 and the 2012 budget ordinance was passed but the salary ordinance itself was not.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to correct the hourly technician wage to \$15, and approve the 2012 salary ordinance retroactive the January 1, 2012. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Since the technician salary carried over to the 2013 ordinance, Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the change in the 2013 ordinance retroactive to January 1, 2013. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve the stipend paid for Soil and Water be set at \$35. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

MCEDA

Jim Tidd gave an overview of the Hanger 200 project, including what had been finished as well as what is yet to be completed. Mr. Tidd explained that MCEDA spent money upfront to get the program going and would like the County to reimburse MCEDA (\$233,227). MCEDA is also asking the County to consider paying the \$50,000 agreement with Montgomery Aviation. Councilman Boyer asked if Mr. Tidd was confident that the County would receive some of that back in reimbursements. Mr. Tidd said there would be no reimbursement for the money spent for overtime but there is a possibility for the rest of it. President Ralph Duckwall asked the Board of Commissioners for their recommendation and Chairman Francis stated they were waiting on financial information that Mr. Tidd will be providing. President Duckwall would like to review the financials and is concerned about the dispute over the steel that has not been settled and the bills that still need to be paid. Councilman Wiles would like to have known upfront that MCEDA was going to ask to be reimbursed up front. No action taken.

MUSEUM

Elise Kordis, Curator gave an over view of the Museum and their finances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Ogden stated that she uses the Library and the Museum and she doesn't understand why the Council does not support them. President Duckwall stated that money is tight and the Council has to maintain the absolute functions of the County. Vicki Draper stated that we have the 2nd largest Museum in the State.

Councilman Boyer said that the many people who are paying \$0 tax bills have a direct effect on what we can do.

INSURANCE

Mary Brown, Chief Deputy Auditor gave an insurance update. The County has saved money by the changes they made in the last couple of years, however, more cost are expected as the Health Care Reform kicks in.

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

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